

THIS IS THE DAY

GREATEST EASTER IN THE HISTORY OF WICHITA.

Never before, at any celebration, has there been so much promised in music and decorations as will gladden the hearts of people today in the churches—society has a brisk week of it—parties plenty.

Never before in the history of Wichita has Easter been celebrated with the splendor that characterizes it today.

The music at the churches will reach a high grade of perfection, and the decorations offered are of the strictly classical order.

Dr. Johnson, the signal service observer, promises fairer weather this morning, and the opportunity for the dainties, the Easter bonnet, will be unbounded. The floral decorations at all the churches will be superb.

It is possible the introduction and prayer from Wagner's *Ring* at the First Presbyterian church should be heard; also Wagner's *Glenn*.

Millard's *Gloria* and Costa's *Te Deum* at the Episcopal church will be unexceptionally brilliant. The surprised choir at night is the first in Wichita.

At the Methodist church Mendelssohn's *O. For the Wings of a Dove* should not be missed.

At the Catholic church *Kyrie Gloria* from Mozart's *Twelfth Mass* should be heard.

The choral and orchestral work at the First Presbyterian church will surpass any former local attempt in this line for years. A chorus of fifty well drilled voices will be sustained by a full orchestra of twenty pieces.

The morning service at St. John's church will be under the direction of Mr. H. A. Bliss. The feature of the program will be the selections rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. E. E. Jones, Mrs. E. E. Jones, Messrs R. Sweet and H. C. McLaughlin. In the evening Mrs. J. C. Lyeth will conduct a surprised choir of eighteen voices.

The musical program at the First M. E. church will be under the direction of Mr. Nellie Hobbs Smyth, assisted by Miss Jessie Clark, Organist.

There will be an early mass at 6 a. m. at the Catholic church. This will be followed by another mass at 8 o'clock a. m. The pontifical high mass will be celebrated at 10:30 o'clock. The sermon by Rev. J. H. Thien will be "The Story of the Resurrection."

Bishop Hennessey will conduct the evening service.

The main altar will be profusely decorated with cut flowers and wreaths of evergreen and amylax.

The following is a complete list of the order of services:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

March 25.—The following program will be rendered under the direction of Mr. Harry Dunbar.

Prelude—"Introduction and prayer from *Ring*."—Wagner.

Anthem—"Gloria."—Mozart.

Choir, with orchestral accompaniment.

Responsive reading.

Introduction.

Choir.

Announcements.

Morning Lesson.

Prayer.

Offering—"I know that my Redeemer liveth."—Psalm 113.

Mrs. E. E. Jones, Mrs. E. E. Jones, Messrs R. Sweet and H. C. McLaughlin.

Hymn 217.

Prayer and Benediction.

Evening service.

Prelude—"Hear my prayer."—Farmer.

Anthem—"The Heavens are Telling."—Psalm 150.

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Mr. Sherwin and Miss Guthrie will be married tomorrow.

Mrs. Baudine Knorr entertained at cards, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Cohn are rejoicing in the arrival of a son and heir.

Mrs. A. H. Falarque entertains the Players' Whist club next Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Johnson of Milwaukee avenue entertained Tuesday evening.

The West Side Dancing club gave the last hop of the season Friday evening.

Miss Edith Eaton of the Metropole hotel, celebrated her third birthday this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Throckmorton entertained the Cold Water club last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Phillips gave a dinner to Mr. Duncan of New York, Sunday afternoon last.

Mrs. W. S. Corbett, assisted by Mrs. J. H. McCall entertained the Tuesday Afternoon club this week.

Mrs. George Douglas and Mrs. Ed. Vail entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Whist club this week.

Mrs. William Jones and Mrs. W. E. Stanley will give a reception next Thursday afternoon from four to eight o'clock p. m.

Jibber-Jab, a new society magazine, published by Misses Minnie, Mabel and Elvira Miller, is out. It is very pretty and entertaining.

Walter Dyer entertained the Waco Avenue Whist club, Tuesday evening at the home of Major Cox. Miss Mabel Loring and Mr. John Loring were the factors.

Mrs. Charles Payne entertained at dinner Friday evening in honor of Miss Rose Payne of El Paso. Those present were Lizzie Dickinson, Mrs. Woodman, Lizzie Ayres, Robert Norris and Emma Taylor.

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CIVIL WAR AND RECEPTION IN THE FAMOUS OLD MAIDS COLONY.

Exciting Fight Between Seventeen Women in a Cyclone Cellar in the Cherokee Strip—A Tender Union the Cause of All the Trouble—Five of the Old Maids Succeeded and Started New Colony Near Alva.

"Such an institution could not last in a country so progressive as Oklahoma is," said Neal Gordon of Tremula last night.

He was speaking to a reporter for the *Evening Star* and had reference to the old maids' colony in the Cherokee strip. Mr. Gordon is probably the only man in the strip who can speak authoritatively concerning the inside workings of the colony. He is a professional well-digger and is employed in that capacity in the colony. He is the only man that has had the honor to be admitted into the colony since it was established last October. The old maids' started out to do all the work which has been the lot of man to perform since the reign of the red man ceased in that country, but when they came to dig a well they did not want to be in it, and had to fall back on the male sex. They found Mr. Gordon to be a man who attended strictly to his own business, and thought they could safely allow him within the territorial boundaries of the colony.

"You might be one of them newspaper fellows," said Mr. Gordon to the reporter, with a suspicious grin. "If you are I don't want you to write down what I say, for I would lose my job, sure. I came here to my mind and not to be talked to."

"I am afraid to say a word, for if I once open my mouth about that old maids' colony I put my foot in it, sure."

After some pressure and the application of a never-failing lubricant Mr. Gordon concluded at last to talk, exacting a promise that the reporter would not be written in the paper. As he did not exact any promise against having the story printed, it can be given without violence to conscience.

"There is a row in the camp," said Mr. Gordon as he put a clove in his mouth. "Yes they had some hair-pulling down there Tuesday night, but it was not so bad as it is now. I saw three or four women fighting in the Bowers the year after the war, but it wasn't a patch to the fight them old maids had."

"How many of them fought?"

"Two of them 'fit, first, but after while they all took sides and pitched in and they scratched faces and pulled hair."

"A little woman named Nellie Evans came out of the fight nearly baldheaded."

"What did you do?"

"What do you think I did? I was there to dig wells and that's what I did. You would do the same thing if you were there. Suppose I pitched in to separate seventeen old maids and they would change their mind and jump on me where would I be? I know the nature of them kind of critters. I'll let 'em fight every time, you bet."

"How did the fight start?"

"It all happened about the digging of a cyclone cellar. Every little cloud that came up from the west as big as a man's hand would scare them nearly to death, and finally they decided Monday night that they must have a cyclone cellar. First from the head of Stella and then down to the hard-pan they became cranky and began to wish they weren't old maids. I watched 'em like a hawk to see how they would act. About 10 o'clock they began to wish it was dinner time, for they would lean on their spades for two minutes at the time and figure on how high the sun was. They were all very thirsty, from the frequent visits they made to the house for a drink of water. About 11 Stella Wolf, the cook, came out to see how they were getting along. She saw them in two minutes. Harriet Jones now pitched in and proceeded to harrow the face of Miss Wolf with her finger nails, but she did not proceed with Nancy Corwin took sides with the Wolf girl and made Harriet Jones wish she had never been born for she harrowed her under the eye with her spade and it nearly gouged out when the old maids came running out of stables, hen coops and garden patches, like so many animated scare crows and pitched into the fight without ever asking what it was about. One of the women, Clara Nelson, had just milked the cow and she threw the bucket of milk on Miss Corwin and thus started Harriet Jones her eye. All of one old maid's clothes were torn off of her and then I had to crawl down in the well and didn't see any more of it. I was there for 1 hour, in all my life, saw such a horrible sight."

"Have they made up again?"

"Those that remain in the colony have, but five of them have left the colony and are gone out West. Alva to start an old maids' colony of their own."

"Which of them have left?"

"Nellie Evans, Harriet Jones, Bessie King, Ella King and a girl named Simpson or Simpson. I forget which. Two of the cyclone cellar were nearly completed when I left, but they'll never again have such a cyclone as they had that day. Don't write anything for the paper about it. I told you," said Mr. Gordon, as he took another clove and a pretzel and started for his lodgings at the Goodfellow house.

The Columbian Whist club was entertained most hospitably Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Roberts, at their home, 945 South Topeka. After a meal of delicious food, a musical program was served, followed by music and conversation. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker, George Baker, A. W. Siskier, Mesdames Martha McCabe, R. M. Russell, McCreary, J. D. Morris, J. F. Dunn, T. R. Calley.

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